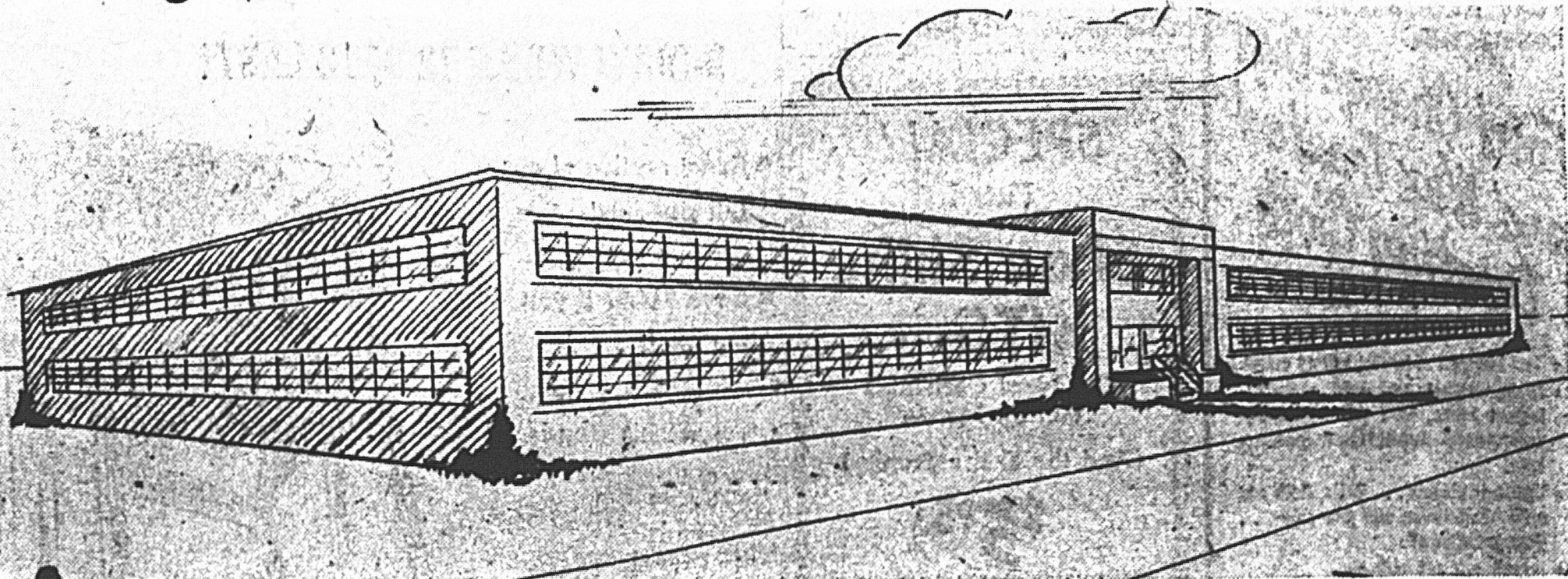


Begin Work on \$490,000 Office Building at Arsenal



A major step forward in the program to alleviate the present crowded office conditions at the United States Rubber Company's Kankakee Unit, Joliet Arsenal, was taken when ground was broken Tuesday for the unit's new \$490,000 administration building.

The contractor for the structure, which is slated for partial occupancy by next June, is the Great Lakes Engineering corporation of Chicago. The contract requires that the 30,000

square-foot building be available for full occupancy within a year from the construction starting date.

Three other such projects are in the drawing board stage, Engineering Superintendent L. A. Doherty said. These include office buildings to be located within the plant's production area at Snake and Hof roads in the TNT area and in the Tetryl area plus an addition to the new administration building.

The new two-story L-shaped

administration building will be located between the Hospital-Employment building and the Guard headquarters, with its main entrance facing north toward Hof road. It is scheduled to contain 80 to 85 offices of varying sizes.

The structure will alleviate the present shortage of office space for the housing of employees of the Ordnance Ammunition Center and the United States Rubber Company. Present plans call for the transfer of Management,

Control, Engineering, Purchasing and Traffic personnel to the new building in addition to the staff of the contracting officer's representative.

Plant Manager H. R. Gaetz announced the opening of bids by the Army Corps of Engineering district office in Chicago on Oct. 17. The contract was awarded to the Great Lakes corporation shortly thereafter by the Chicago office of the Corps, which is responsible for the construction of the new building.